

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

sub 1. A method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail wherein

agent parameters controlling the behaviour of an agent delivering an E-mail are appended to the main mail text, having an appended mail header, responsive to a sending command designating the sending of the E-mail, for sending to a counterpart of E-mailing of a user;

the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent; and

an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence is sent by said agent to the user based on said agent parameters.

2. The method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 1 wherein control is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to the user.

3. The method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 2 wherein an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user on expiry of said effective period.

4. A method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail

wherein

agent parameters controlling the behaviour of an agent delivering an E-mail are appended to the main mail text, having an appended mail header, responsive to a sending command designating the sending of the E-mail, for sending to a counterpart of E-mailing of a user;

the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent; and

an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence is sent by said agent to the counterpart of E-mailing of the user based on said agent parameters.

5. The method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 4 wherein control is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to a counterpart of E-mailing of the user.

6. A method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail wherein

agent parameters controlling the behaviour of an agent delivering an E-mail are appended to the main mail text, having an appended mail header, responsive to a sending command designating

the sending of the E-mail, for sending to a counterpart of E-mailing of a user;

the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent; and

the user or counterpart of E-mailing of the user is randomly selected by the agent based on said agent parameters and an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence is sent by said agent to the user or to the counterpart of E-mailing of the user.

7. The method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 6 wherein an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to the user or to the counterpart of E-mailing of the user.

8. The method for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 7 wherein an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user or to the counterpart of E-mailing of the user on expiry of said effective period.

9. An apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail comprising:

an agent manager for displaying an agent on a screen and for managing the behaviour of said agent responsive to agent parameters

which determine the behaviour of said agent;

sending command accepting means for accepting a sending command designating sending of an E-mail; and

mail sending means controlled by said agent manager on acceptance by said sending command accepting means of a sending command which designates the sending of an E-mail for appending the agent parameters to the main mail text having an appended mail header for sending an E-mail to a counterpart of E-mailing of E-mailing of the user;

said agent manager modifying the agent parameters responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent for voluntarily sending to the user an E-mail of an illustrative sentence pre-set by the agent based on the agent parameters.

10. The apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 9 wherein said agent manager randomly selects an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, said agent manager voluntarily sending the sentence so selected to the user.

11. The apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 10 wherein an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user on expiry

of said effective period.

12. An apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail comprising:

an agent manager for displaying an agent on a screen and for managing the behaviour of said agent responsive to agent parameters which determine the behaviour of said agent;

sending command accepting means for accepting a sending command designating the sending of an E-mail; and

mail sending means controlled by said agent manager on acceptance by said sending command accepting means of a sending command which designates the sending of an E-mail for appending the agent parameters to the main mail text having an appended mail header for sending an E-mail to a counterpart of E-mailing of E-mailing of the user;

said agent manager modifying the agent parameters responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent for voluntarily sending to a counterpart of E-mailing of E-mailing of the user an E-mail of an illustrative sentence pre-set by the agent based on the agent parameters.

13. The apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 12 wherein said agent manager randomly selects an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of

experiences acquired by said agent, said agent manager voluntarily sending an E-mail to the a counterpart of E-mailing of E-mailing of the user.

14. An apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail comprising:

an agent manager for displaying an agent on a screen and for managing the behaviour of said agent responsive to agent parameters which determine the behaviour of said agent;

sending command accepting means for accepting a sending command designating the sending of an E-mail; and

mail sending means controlled by said agent manager on acceptance by said sending command accepting means of a sending command which designates the sending of an E-mail, said mail sending means appending the agent parameters to the main mail text having an appended mail header for sending an E-mail to a counterpart of E-mailing of E-mailing of the user;

said agent manager modifying the agent parameters responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent for voluntarily sending to the user or a counterpart of E-mailing of the user an E-mail of an illustrative sentence pre-set by the agent based on the agent parameters.

15. The apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 14 wherein said agent manager randomly selects an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on

the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, said agent manager voluntarily sending an E-mail to the user or a to a counterpart of E-mailing of the user.

16. The apparatus for automatic controlling the sending of an E-mail as claimed in claim 15 wherein an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user on expiry of said effective period.

17. An automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer wherein, responsive to a sending command for designating the sending of an E-mail, agent parameters are appended to the main mail text having an appended mail header, the behaviour of said agent is managed by the agent parameters, the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent and wherein control is performed for automatically sending by the agent of an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence based on said agent parameters to the user.

18. The automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer a claimed in claim 17 wherein control is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative

sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to the user.

19. The automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer a claimed in claim 18 wherein control is performed so that an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user on expiry of said effective period.

20. An automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer wherein, responsive to a sending command for designating the sending of an E-mail, agent parameters are appended to the main mail text having an appended mail header, the behaviour of said agent is managed by the agent parameters, the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent and wherein control is performed for automatically sending by the agent of an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence based on said agent parameters to the user or to a counterpart of the user.

21. The automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer a claimed in claim 20 wherein



control is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to a counterpart of the user.

22. An automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer wherein, responsive to a sending command for designating the sending of an E-mail, agent parameters are appended to the main mail text having an appended mail header, the behaviour of said agent is managed by the agent parameters, the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent and wherein the agent randomly selects the user or a counterpart of the user based on the agent parameters for voluntarily sending an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence to the user or to a counterpart of the user.

23. The automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer as claimed in claim 22 wherein control is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for sending is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set depending on the contents of

experiences acquired by said agent so that the selected sentence will be in a class in keeping with the contents of experiences acquired by said agent, the sentence so selected being voluntarily sent to the user or to a counterpart of the user.

24. The automatic E-mail sending control program supply medium for supplying an automatic sending control program that can be read out and executed by a computer as claimed in claim 23 wherein control is performed so that an effective period of said agent is set and an E-mail is voluntarily sent to the user on expiry of said effective period.

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